Othello Excuse Letter Reflection

The *Othello* excuse letter was an interesting assignment. At first, however, it was quite challenging for me to write because the letter had to be one page, single-spaced and I was concerned that I would not have enough to say. I am not a big fan of Shakespeare, but I thought *Othello* was much easier to understand than the other Shakespearean plays I have read in the past. I was very glad that I was able to comprehend most of this play or else the whole assignment would have been a disaster.

I chose the easiest character to excuse for my letter – Othello. I thought about selecting another character from the play because that might have allowed me to be more creative. I understood Othello best, however, and I also wanted to be to be able to find the quotes from the play easily and quickly.

One challenge in this assignment was keeping the tone of an absentee excuse throughout the entire one-page, single-spaced letter. I was nervous that I would not be able to create the essence of an absentee excuse since I have personally never written one. Fortunately, when I began writing, I realized that incorporating this tone throughout the letter was not a problem. In fact, it was actually easier than I thought it was going to be, so I was very glad about that.

After writing this assignment, I feel I better appreciate the play *Othello;* looking back to specific scenes really helped me better understand the characters’ actions and motivations. I enjoyed writing a letter versus the typical, basic essay we usually have to write. I felt I could be more creative in my own way with the letter format.